

# San Diego DX Club Bulletin

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## MEETING NOTICE:

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2015

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SOCIAL HOUR, 5:00 P.M. DINNER, 5:30 P.M.

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## A Word from the Prez . . .

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Greetings from the Prez. Summer, Solar Indices, DX Bulletins, I trust that everyone that attended the event had a great time at the SDDXC/SCDXC Summer Bash (see the write-up by our VP/Program director Howard Groveman W6HDG) and that all or you are enjoying a somewhat warm but pleasant summer.

As the SFI continues to decline, any DX tools we can add to our inventory will become more and more important. One of my favorite and easy to use tools are the many DX Bulletins available on the web or via a free subscription. The DX Bulletins are really aggregators of current, upcoming and even proposed future DXpeditions. By reviewing the bulletins well in advance I'm able to add the schedules for DXpeditions to needed DXCC entities to my long term calendar and I can schedule out of town activities around the proposed dates.

Here are some scheduled DXpeditions that are rapidly approaching, taken from a few of the DX Bulletins that are available :

If you scroll to the very bottom of the list you'll find my favorite source of DX information.

This is a sample from the OPDX (Ohio /Penn DX Bulletin) and is text based. As you can see the DXpeditions vary from "vacation style", "when off work" to fully supported large multi operator DX efforts.

5H, TANZANIA. Maurizio, IK2GZU, will once again return to the "Mission Ilem-bula" to do some work at the new hospital and orphanage between September 13th and October 18th. He plans to be active during his spare time as 5H3MB on the HF bands. Maurizio will use his FT-100 and the mission's TS-850 into a tri-band 3 element beam (20/15/10m) fixed on Europe and a vertical or dipole for the other bands. QSL via IK2GZU, direct or by the Bureau. Also, QSL via LoTW (after his return home) and eQSL. For more details, updates and an online log, visit his Web pages

at: <http://www.buffoli-pm.it/5h/Tanzania%202011.htm>  
<http://www.buffoli-pm.it/5h/qsI%20request.htm>

9M2, WEST MALAYSIA. Members of the North of Peninsular Malaysia ARA Boys Contest n' DXers will be active as 9M2M (old call 9M2SM) from Arau, Perlis (AS-058), during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Multi-Multi entry. Operators mentioned are (11 Brothers) Afiq/9W2AHU, Ahmad/9M2AGC, Hairil/9M2GET, Han/9W2SBD, Mohamad/9W2SBL, Mohd/9W2MNW, Oja/9M2OUT, Rizal/9M2RDX, Syed/9M8SYA, Weerut/9W2RUT and Zaki/9M2ZAK. QSL direct to:

ARA Boys Contest N' DX'ers, 49 F Jalan 2, Taman Sri Mawar, 02600, Arau, Perlis, Malaysia.

## A Word from the Prez . . .(Continued)

CN, MOROCCO. Operators Jiri/OK1RI, Norbert/OM6NM, Petr/OK1FFU, Jiri/OK1DO, Jorge/EA9LZ and Jim/W7EJ will be on the air as CN2R from Rabat during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via W7EJ.

Operators will be there starting October 15th. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via their home callsigns.

FO, MARQUESAS ISLANDS. Hiro, JI1JKW, will be active as FO/JI1JKW from Nuku Hiva (OC-027) between August 9-13th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

HH, HAITI (Update). Doug, KD8CAO, son of K8YSE (OPDX Webmaster), will be active as HH8/KD8CAO from Jacmel (FK38rf) between August 15-22nd.

He is there on a "Medical Mission Trip" with his XYL. Activity will be mainly on the satellites (SSB/FM), with a possibility of some HF activity (QRP) on 17 and 10 meters as his schedule permits. His activity on the satellite will be on FO29 and SO50. Doug will be using a FT-817ND (QRP with 5w) and a Kenwood TH-D72A. Antennas are an Arrow 146/437-10WBP (for the satellites) and a wire dipole for HF. QSL via KD8CAO direct and LoTW.

This Bulletin is from the ARRL and also aggregates information from other sources.

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ARLD031 DX news

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Thanks to all.

FERNANDO DE NORONHA, PY0F. Leo, PP1CZ will be active as PY0F/PP1CZ from August 26 to 31. Activity will be holiday style on 80 to 10 meters with some tries on 6 meters, depending on propagation, using CW, RTTY and some SSB. QSL direct, by the Bureau, LoTW or OQRS.

BRAZIL, PY. Special Event Station PV70FEB will be QRV during August to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the end of WW II and the efforts of the Brazilian Expeditionary Force - FEB, in the Italian Campaign. QSL to PS7AB direct, via the bureau, eQSL or LoTW.

TURKEY, TC. A number of special event stations are commemorating the Battle of Gallipoli 100 years ago. They include TC100A, TC100GLB, TC100GP, TC100GS, TC100KT, and TC100VKZL from the European part of Turkey and TC100K, TC100B, TC100TC, and TC100E from the Asiatic part of Turkey. They are QRV until August 10. QSL via bureau and direct.

CAMBODIA, XU. Rene, F6CTW is active as XU7AEX from Phnom Penh until August 10. Activity is expected on 40 to 10 meters using mainly CW.

QSL via F6CTW direct or LoTW.

RWANDA, 9X. Bjorn, LA9IAA is QRV as 9X0AA from Kigali using CW only. The duration of his stay is unknown. QSL via LA9IAA.

MOROCCO, CN. A group from the Association Royale des Radio Amateurs du Maroc (ARRAM) is currently active as 5E2E until the end of September. QSL via EB7DX.

SPAIN, EA. Special event station EG1SMA celebrates The Sea Week in Aviles until August 9. They are QRV on the HF bands using all modes. QSL via bureau.

SOUTH COOK ISLANDS, E5. Milan, OK1DWC is active as E51DWC from the Rarotonga Islands (OC-013, WAZ-32) at least until September. His activity is holiday style on 160 to 10 meters, including the 30, 17 and 12 meter bands, using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call.

FRANCE, F. Members of the radio club F5KHP are currently active with the call TM10FAJ to celebrate the 25th Festival d'Astronomie de FLEURANCE and the 10th Festival Astro Jeunes, until August 15. QSL via F5KHP.

LUXEMBOURG, LX. A YL team consisting of Dora, HB9EPE, Johanna, DJ5YL, Mado, F1EOY, Christine, F4GDI, Claudine, F5JER, Sylvie, F4HJC, Tina, DL5YL, Evelyne, F5RPB and Sophie, F4DHQ will be active as LX9YL until August 10. QSL via LX2A.

POLAND, SP. The radio club SP6KAO celebrates its 60th anniversary with the call HF60KAO until the end of October. QSL via SP9KAO.

Also, special event station HF0MK honours the memory of Maximilian Kolbe until the end of August. QSL via SP7PZS.

VANUATU, YJ. Rod, YJ8RN will be on Loh Island (OC-110) until August 14. He is QRV during his spare time, mainly during the weekends, as YJ8RN/p on 14290 kHz using SSB. QSL direct via YJ8RN.

CAYMAN ISLANDS, ZF. Henning, OZ1BII is QRV as ZF2EE until August 9.

QSL to home call.

HAITI, HH. Doug, KD8CAO will be active as HH8/KD8CAO from August 15 to 22. Activity will be mainly on the satellites (SSB/FM), with the possibility of some HF activity using QRP. His activity on the satellites will be on FO29, AO7, AO73 and SO50. QSL via home call and LoTW.

CUBA, T47. Members of the Camaguey Contest Crew will operate as T47LH during the ILLW from the Colon Lighthouse at Sabinal Key. The crew, consisting of CO7RR, CO7SF, CO7FR, CO7DS and CO7WT will be active from August 14 to 16. Operations are planned on all HF bands, with 60 meters pending approval, and satellite via SO-50 passes during the ILLW. QSL route is to be determined.

CORSICA, TK. Alberto, IZ1FRM will be active as TK/IZ1FRM from August 24 to 29. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands.

QSL via IW1RLS.

Below please find a link to my favorite DX News Bulletin The DX ITALIA DX NEWS and in full color as a PDF file no less!

<http://www.marioi2mqp.it/img/bollettini/bollettinodx%20658.pdf>

For those of us that are still seeking our DX "White Whales" I hope that you'll put the DX Bulletins to work and the propagation gods will rain new entities on your stations.

John, NA6L

## Secretary/Treasurer Reports

Ellen, N6UWW



### San Diego DX Club – July 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Howard W6HDG, VP of the Club, who was filling in for our President, John NA6L who is attending a family reunion being held at Lake Tahoe.

There were 30 people in attendance.

Howard welcomed everyone. He then introduced Leo Almazan WA6LOS who served as team leader of the very successful Spratly DXOP DXpedition held April 14-20 this year.

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

### New Members

There were no new members present but Leo WA6LOS gave us his application and annual dues. Leo has over 132 countries confirmed and was welcomed as our newest full member!

### Guests

There were 2 young hams in attendance who are working on their stations and antennas - Axel, KI6RRN of Lemon Grove and Levi, KK6NON of Vista. It was great for many of us old folks to see the enthusiasm of these young hams.

### Announcements

Please put December 6 (lunch) on their calendar for the annual Christmas Party. Thanks to John NA6L, we are once again confirmed for "Fiddler's Green" restaurant on Shelter Island. John K6AM was relieved to learn that this year's party will not conflict with the 10 meter contest like last year. Don't miss this party! We all had a terrific time last year and Fiddler's treated us great.

### Old Business

The Summer Bash is fast approaching. The Bash will be held at Jim Stevenson W6YI's house on August 2. Jim gave a report that 65 attendees had already signed up from both our local club and the Southern California DX Club. Jim is doing a magnificent job making all the arrangements and we are all looking forward to the best BASH ever. Many of our members will be helping with bringing tables, ice, setup, food prep, cooking and cleanup. Jim made a funding request and gave us an estimate of approximately \$1200 which included food and the possible rental of some additional tables. Howard made a motion that the club approve up to \$1300 at Jim's disposal. This was seconded and passed unanimously.



## Secretary/Treasurer Report Continued

### New Business

Wayne NN6R has been our club shirt and hat person for 20 years. He has done an amazing job as we all know. Our club shirts are the classiest around. Wayne, although not in attendance tonight, asked that we appoint a new volunteer to carry on this important club function. Dennis N6KI kindly stepped forward and has agreed to take over this job. The club thanked Wayne for the many years of service he has provided.

Wild Bill WB6BFG was not present at the meeting but had a suggestion about a possible funding source. He reminded us that the club, as an affiliated ARRL club, can earn \$15 on recruiting a new ARRL member and \$2 on an ARRL renewal. We would have to collect the fees, subtract our commission and send in the ARRL membership form with a club check. The club discussed this. It turns out that several members are LIFE members of the ARRL and could not participate. Most people felt that we rarely get a new member who is not a member of the ARRL. It was also decided that the \$2 renewal commissions, even if they could generate \$100 annually would require more administrative work for our Secretary/Treasurer than the \$100 would warrant. There was no second to a motion to entertain this idea and the idea has been dropped at this time.

We have two scheduled upcoming monthly topics for the next 2 months: next month we will hear from Jim Price K6ZH on his maritime trip to the San Clemente Island region and the rare DM02 grid square. The following month will be a talk about operating from Antarctica by Ron Flick K6REF from the Scripps Institute of Oceanography. Other future topics may include Rick K0XB on the secrets to his DX prowess on Coronado with very minimal antennas. Miguel Rivera KJ6YXI may also give us a talk on his trips to Cuba. Suggestions on future talks should be sent to W6HDG@arrl.net.

Gayle K6GO discovered an attractive "Member Recruitment Brochure" from several years ago. New members are the lifeblood of any organization and it was suggested that we begin actively recruiting new members. The members then discussed updating the DX Club recruiting brochure and distribute it to our friends, local ham clubs, and HRO. Howard will work on a draft and present it at a future meeting.

John K6AM then raised the issue of our annual contribution to the Northern California DX Foundation. John suggested that we provide a donation of \$1000 for this year since we are still getting significant funds from the Visalia convention and that our traditional donation amount of \$500 is really inadequate. John then made a motion that we donate \$1000. This was seconded and passed unanimously.

John K6AM then presented the "Top Ten" DX'er List which impressed the group. No one was surprised by how fast our Club President, NA6L is moving in terms of DX productivity in his 7 years on the air. Howard then showed a couple of slides from the SDDXC pages of ClubLog. ClubLog is a great way to demonstrate "what have you done lately?" on the bands. He presented results from the last 12 months on various modes and bands. ClubLog shows that we have many very active members who might be recognized for their achievements. Howard encouraged everyone to join ClubLog and said that he would be happy to present ClubLog statistics at the end of the year so that we can officially recognize some of our current DX Hounds and Rookies.

## Secretary/Treasurer Report Conclusion

The Roundtable discussion then took place. Following the break, Leo WA6LOS then gave us a wonderful presentation on the Spratly DXpedition. This DXpedition was extremely successful but did have its harrowing moments! The Spratly team did a heroic job and was predominantly self funded by the dedicated Filipino-American and Filipino hams who participated. Kudos to all. It should be noted that Leo was recently appointed as a consultant to the Philippine Navy and may be going back to Spratly as part of his duties. So please standby for further details. Thanks, Leo!

The meeting ended at 8:45PM.

## Treasurer's Report

Statement Balance 7/31/2015 \$7125.48

Deposit - \$160 (dues)

Debits - \$300 (insurance premium), \$55.89 (digital recorder)

Dues checks can be sent (payable to San Diego DX Club Inc) to:

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## From the Editor

Bob, K9RHY

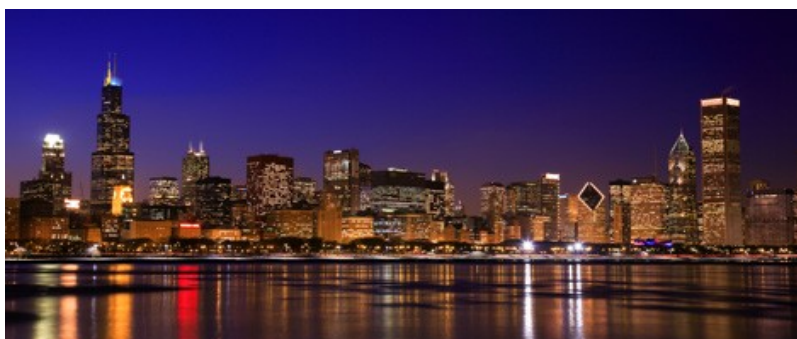


Your humble SDDXC Editor is recovering from (and learning to cope with) a few miscellaneous health issues. Should be fully back in action by next month.

## Upcoming DX Events



September 11—12, 2015



**W4DXCC** by SEDCO

September 25—26, 2015



## Upcoming South China Sea IOTA Activations

YB8RW will begin a South China Sea IOTA Tour starting in September 2015 activating OC075, OC106, OC107, OC108, OC109, OC122 and OC144



## THE SDDXC TOP 10

By John, K6AM

# TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON DIGITAL

8/15	8/14	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	2.	K0XB	40	321	326	327	+2
2.	1.	NN6K	40	325	325	326	-
3.	3.	N7CW	39	266	266	311	-
4.	4.	K6XT	40	266	268	303	+10
5.	5.	W6YOO	38	254	258	258	-
6.	6.	WB6BFG	40	236	236	256	+8
7.	7.	WN6K	39	199	200	233	+11
8.	-.	NA6L	38	180	180	220	NEW
9.	8.	AD6ZJ	35	185	186	199	+8
10.	-.	K6ZH	36	148	148	187	NEW

This time we see several big jumps and two fresh new entries to the list. Rick, K0XB pulls out by a nose to take back his first place position, while John, NA6L hits the ground running in eighth place. There are plenty of new ones out there for the rest of us, so give the digital modes a try. Digital is becoming more popular all the time. The advent of PSK31 and the new rage, JT65 have really ignited a surge of interest. The old 60 WPM baudot RTTY mode is now heard mostly only on contest weekends.

New software is being introduced all the time. MMTTY is a good one when used with Writelog or N1MM and a sound blaster card, but now I'm hearing good things about a new decoder called "2Tone". Most of the expeditions are now doing a fair amount of RTTY for The Deserving. We'll be looking for many more entries next year in this fun but under-represented category.

Each month, we will publish a top ten list for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, phone and CW. Please send me your totals for each band and mode throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.

## The Summer Bash at W6YI Was a Huge Success!

By Howard Groveman W6HDG, SDDXC VP

Jim Stevenson W6YI proved once again that he is the host with the most. And we are not just talking antennas! It was such a lovely day at the Stevenson Ranch and the food and camaraderie were fabulous. The total attendance at the bash was over 80 including at least 18 visitors from LA and Orange Counties and several from even farther away! It was great to visit with our ARRL Southwestern Division Director, Dick Norton N6AA and the LA Section Manager, David Greenhut, K6HD. (Stay tuned for David's trip as part of the Chesterfield Islands DXpedition October 1-12). I have already lined up David as a speaker at a future SDDXC club meeting!

Aerial tour of W6YI can be found here: <https://youtu.be/ATEouTKUgzk>

Jim W6YI also had a great time at his own party. He writes, "Please extend my thanks to everyone who helped out with the many things to make this party a great bash. I really appreciated all the help and support from both clubs. As a member of the SCDXC many years ago, it was great to see old time friends W6TMD, Darrel and W6CCP, Seymour.

Jerry W6XI, traveled the farthest from Tucson, AZ. W6NV, Oliver from Orinda, and W6UM Charles from San Luis Obispo drove many miles to visit. There are too many others to mention here. It was great spending time and chatting with each of them. I know I missed a few and look forward to another bash (hosted by SCDXC) next year to catch up with everyone."

Jim's shack



BASH pictures galore: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/kg4mx6kw1ms32b/>